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SUBJECT: LIBYAN VIEWS OF SOUTHERN LEBANON

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1. FOREIGN OFFICE UN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR NAJIB SHAYBANI CALLED ME IN MORNING OF MARCH 19 FOR BRIEFING ON LIBYAN VIEWS SOUTHERN LEBANON. HE SAID SAME PITCH WAS BEING MADE TO OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF S.C. HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE REQUESTED BE CONVEYED TO US GOVERNMENT:

A) LIBYA INSISTS ON IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WITH NO PRECONDITIONS.

B) THERE SHOULD BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN ISRAELI WITH-
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DRAWAL AND REMOVAL OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE FORCES IN AREA.

C) LIBYA OPPOSES INTRODUCTION OF A UN FORCE BECAUSE THIS WOULD COMPLICATE SITUATION AND BE DISRESPECTFUL OF LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE.

2. I TOOK OCCASION TO SET FORTH US POSITION ON SITUATION

AS OUTLINED REFTEL. SHAYBANI EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR
EXPLANATION OF US POSITION AND NOTED THAT US AND LIBYA
SEEMED TO AGREE ON WITHDRAWAL, BUT HAD OPPOSING VIEWS ON
UN FORCE. SHAYBANI ADDED THAT LIBYA WAS IN INTENSIVE
CONSULTATION WITH ARAB STATES WITH VIEW TO FORMULATING
AN AGREED DRAFT RESOLUTION. SHAYBANI SAID HE WOULD KEEP
ME POSTED ON LIBYAN POSITION AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT US,
AS PERMANENT MEMBER OF S.C., WAS ENTITLED TO PUT FORWARD
ITS OWN PROPOSALS WHICH, OF COURSE, LIBYA NOT RPT NOT
LIKELY TO SUPPORT.
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